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MIAMI--ARRANGEMENTS WERE REPORTED BEING MADE TODAY TO MASS SUPPLIES IN THE MIAMI AREA FOR THE RANSOM OF 1,113 CAPTURED CUBAN INVADERS, WHO MAY BE FREED FROM FIDEL CASTRO'S PRISONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR TRANS-WORLD AIRLINES SAID IT HAS BEEN ASKED TO FLY 150 TONS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES---PRESUMABLY PART OF THE MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR RANSOM---FROM NEW YORK TO AN AIRFIELD NEAR MIAMI TOMORROW.

THE FREIGHTER AFRICAN PILOT, UNDER CHARTER TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, LEFT BALTIMORE YESTERDAY ON THE WAY TO MIAMI WITH ORDERS TO STAND BY "IN ANTICIPATION OF AN AGREEMENT" ON THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS.

DETAILS OF THE RANSOM DEAL HAVE NEVER BEEN MADE PUBLIC. AT ONE POINT, CASTRO DEMANDED \$62 MILLION FOR THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS, BUT HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE AGREED TO ACCEPT SUPPLIES OF LESS VALUE.

NEW YORK ATTORNEY JAMES B. DONOVAN, WHO HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING FOR THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS, FLEW TO MIAMI SUNDAY NIGHT. IT WAS BELIEVED HERE THAT HE HAS REQUESTED AND RECEIVED PERMISSION TO GO TO CUBA, PRESUMABLY TO WORK OUT FINAL DETAILS OF THE DEAL.

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